

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[1]]
21, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said structure [[(2)]]
comprises: a substantially cylindrical grip portion [[(7)]];
[[a]] said cutting plate ~~(4)~~ engaged engaging to one end ~~(7a)~~ of
said grip portion [[(7)]], said cutting plate [[(4)]] extending
prevalently on a plane that is substantially perpendicular to
[[the]] an axial development of said grip portion [[(7)]].
3. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[1]]
2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cutting plate [[(4)]] is
provided with a bearing surface ~~(4a)~~ facing said cutting means
~~(13)~~ and having at least a through opening ~~(4b)~~ that is coaxial
relative to the grip portion [[(7)]], said bearing surface ~~(4a)~~
of said cutting plate [[(49)]] defining said housing portion
[[(3)]] of said structure [[(2)]].
4. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 3,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said bearing surface ~~(4a)~~ is

provided with a plurality of cutting grooves ~~(4e)~~ co-operating with said cutting means ~~(13)~~ to assure the cutting of the structural portion of said sanitary container, each cutting groove ~~[[4c]]~~ developing around the predetermined reference point substantially parallel relative to each other and according to a substantially circular development line.

5. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cutting plate ~~[[4]]~~ and said grip portion ~~[[7]]~~ are joined in a single piece.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim ~~[[6]]~~ 21, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said bearing surface ~~(10a)~~ of said additional cutting plate ~~(10)~~ is provided with a plurality of cutting grooves co-operating with said cutting means ~~(13)~~ to assure the cutting of the structural portion of said sanitary container, each cutting groove developing around the predetermined reference point substantially parallel to each other and according to a substantially elliptical development line.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[8]]
22, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said support rod ~~(14)~~ rotatably
engages the structure ~~(2) of said device (1)~~ by means of an
attachment end ~~(14a)~~ fastened to said cutting plate ~~(4,10)~~, at
the predetermined reference point, which is located along the
geometric axis of said grip portion [[(7)]] so that said support
rod ~~(14)~~ and said cutting element ~~(15)~~ are free to rotate
integrally around said axis and the reference point itself.

10. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[8]]
22, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cutting means ~~(13)~~ further
comprise a substantially cylindrical actuation pivot ~~(16)~~,
rotatably engaged in the grip portion [[(7)]] and free to slide
axially along said portion to drive the support rod ~~(14)~~
integrally with said cutting element ~~(15)~~ between the operative
position and the non operative position, said actuation pivot
rigidly engaging the attachment end ~~(14)~~ of said support rod ~~(14)~~
and extending according to a greater measure than the axial
development of said grip portion [[(7)]] so it projects therefrom
both at said cutting plate ~~(4,10)~~ and at the opposite side
therefrom.

11. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[8]]
10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said actuation pivot ~~(16)~~ and
said support rod ~~(14)~~ are orthogonally joined in a single piece

to constitute a single support element for the cutting element
(15).

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim [[8]]
22, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said means (17) for adjusting
said cutting means (13) comprise at least one cursor (18)
operatively engaged to said support rod (14), said cursor (18)
being translatable along said support rod (14) between a position
of minimum amplitude in which the cursor is positioned near the
predetermined reference point, and a position of maximum
amplitude, in which the cursor (18) is positioned distant from
the predetermined reference point in correspondence with a free
end (14b) of said support rod (14), opposite to the attachment
end (14a).

14. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 13,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said adjustment means (17) further
comprise a sliding guide (19) to guide said cursor (18) between
the positions of minimum and maximum amplitude, said sliding
guide (19) being associated to said support rod (14) of said
cutting means (13).

15. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said sliding guide ~~(19)~~ is obtained directly on the structure of said support rod ~~(14)~~ and is defined by a through opening ~~(20)~~ having a contour that is substantially similar to the contour of said support rod ~~(14)~~, said through opening defining, on said support rod ~~(14)~~, a first arresting edge ~~(19a)~~, positioned in correspondence with said actuation pivot ~~(16)~~, a pair of sliding tracks ~~(19e)~~ extending parallel to each other along the development of said support rod ~~(14)~~ and a second arresting edge ~~(19b)~~, opposite the first, and positioned in correspondence with the free end ~~(14b)~~ of said support rod ~~(14)~~.

16. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cursor ~~(18)~~ comprises: a sliding portion ~~(21)~~ operatively engaged to said sliding guide ~~(19)~~ to assure the ability of said cursor to slide between the positions of minimum and maximum amplitude, a portion ~~(22)~~ for supporting said cutting element ~~(15)~~, removably engaged to said sliding portion; connecting and locking means ~~(23)~~ operatively associated to said sliding ~~(21)~~ and support ~~(22)~~ portions to lock said cursor ~~(18)~~ on said sliding guide ~~(19)~~ in a predetermined position.

17. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said sliding portion has: a substantially parallelepiped body wherefrom extends an engagement element ~~(21b)~~ able to be inserted into the through opening ~~(20)~~ of said support rod ~~(14)~~ defining said sliding guide ~~(19)~~, said engagement element ~~(21b)~~ defining, on the body of said sliding portion ~~(21)~~, a pair of sliding surfaces ~~(21e)~~ each adapted to engage a respective sliding track of said sliding guide ~~(19)~~; at least a through opening ~~(19d)~~ developing through the body of said sliding portion in correspondence with said engagement element ~~(21b)~~.

18. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said support portion ~~(22)~~ has: a substantially plate-like element ~~(22a)~~; a substantially parallelepiped engagement element ~~(22b)~~ extending centrally from said plate-like element ~~(22a)~~ and defining thereon at least a pair of locking surfaces ~~(22e)~~ each adapted to engage a respective sliding track ~~(19e)~~ of said sliding guide ~~(19)~~, at the opposite side relative to the sliding portion ~~(21)~~, said engagement element ~~(22b)~~ of said support portion ~~(22)~~ being able to be inserted into the through opening ~~(20)~~ of said support rod ~~(14)~~, defining said sliding guide ~~(19)~~, and engaging the engagement element ~~(21b)~~ of said sliding portion; at least a

through opening ~~(22d)~~ extending between the plate-like element ~~(22a)~~ and the engagement element ~~(22b)~~.

19. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cutting element ~~(15)~~ is integrated in the support portion ~~(22)~~ of said cursor ~~(18)~~ through said plate-like element ~~(22a)~~ and said engagement element ~~(22b)~~, said cutting element ~~(15)~~ being positioned side by side with respect to the through opening ~~(22d)~~ of said support portion ~~(22)~~.

20. (canceled)

21. (new) A device for cutting sanitary containers, in particular sacks, bags, and/or pouches for stomas, said device comprising a structure having at least a housing portion, having a cutting plate, adapted to receive in engagement at least a sanitary collection container to be cut, cutting means operatively associated to said structure and active at said housing portion to cut at least a structural portion of said sanitary container about a predetermined reference point and according to a closed cutting line, adjustment means operatively associated to said cutting means to determine the amplitude of the structural portion to be removed from said sanitary container along at least a predetermined direction, at least an additional

cutting plate able to be associated to said cutting plate by means of an engagement of a bearing surface thereof, said additional cutting plate having a bearing surface defining said housing portion of said structure.

22. (new) A device for cutting sanitary containers, in particular sacks, bags, and/or pouches for stomas, said device comprising a structure having at least a housing portion, having a cutting plate, adapted to receive in engagement at least a sanitary collection container to be cut, cutting means operatively associated to said structure and active at said housing portion to cut at least a structural portion of said sanitary container about a predetermined reference point and according to a closed cutting line, adjustment means operatively associated to said cutting means to determine the amplitude of the structural portion to be removed from said sanitary container along at least a predetermined direction, said cutting means comprising at least a support rod operatively engaged to said structure, developing substantially parallel relative to said cutting plate and being movable between an operative position, in which it is situated near said cutting plate, and a non-operative position, in which it is distanced from said cutting plate, the device further comprising at least a cutting element operatively associated to said support rod, said cutting element engaging a respective cutting groove of said cutting plate when the support

rod is situated in the operative position, and disengaging said cutting plate when the support rod is in non-operative position, the device further comprising elastic thrust means operatively associated to said cutting means to move said support rod and said cutting element from the non-operative position to the operative position.